TITUSVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY, 2001

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Bud Hughes K4CWG

Our congratulations to KF4LTY Pat and K4MVO Stephanie on upgrading to Extra Class. We are proud of these girls. John and Hank seemed happy to have an extra wife. By the way, I took the time to find the meaning of or the definition of "extra" and according to Webster it means "more than or beyond what is usual, normal, expected or necessary". Doesn't that clear the air?

There is talk about forming a study group for the Extra class exam. If you are interested in getting involved let me know.

On last Thursday (1/4/01) the gang enjoyed having the evening meal at the QHT of Stephanie and Hank, K4MVO/AA4HP. The food was delicious and the comradeship was outstanding. Thanks Stephanie and Hank for having us.

Our Club Christmas Party was well attended and everyone had a good time. Officers and Board of Directors were installed. I was surprised and humbled to be voted "HAM OF THE YEAR". There are so many in our club who merit this award more than I.

To those who came over to the Hughes' house to make sure the New Year was ushered in properly, let me tell you - it was! And we thank you.

On a solemn note the Silent Key Club has claimed two more of our members. Art DeAngelis, N1WBIU and Dick Stauffer, K4DVW. Our condolences are extended to the families of our departed friends.

ORLANDO HAMCATION

By Clyde K4EOS

The Orlando Hamcation is Feb. 9-10-11. TARC has purchased a limited number of tickets to sell to our members. The price is $7.00 (Tickets are $9.00 at the door).

Tickets will be available at the January club meeting. If you wish to purchase a ticket, please bring the exact price.

If you miss the meeting and want a ticket, call me at 267-9375. Don't wait too long!!

Whatta you mean, they're all gone

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

JAN 3 KE4AGO BILL REALY
JAN 7 KC4ENO ART SMITH
JAN 8 WW4G BRIAN VAN ALSTINE
JAN 9 KF4ECM JIM LATHROP
JAN 12 KE4NYM MATT KELLER
JAN 12 K4WSE JOHN WOOD
JAN 20 KE4TQZ SANDRA GREENWALD
JAN 21 KT4SY EDDIE GASS
JAN 21 KE4MXF KAY JORDAN
JAN 23 KC4VIN CAROL RAMOS
JAN 23 KD4GPF JOE MEYERS
JAN 26 K4SJC LES GRINER
JAN 27 AD4FG WALT WILSON
JAN 28 KF4VRR DONALD PATTEN
JAN 28 WA4JWU ROGER VERBLE
JAN 29 00000 ANTHONY SINI

THE TRASHMAN COMETH
By Clyde K4EOS

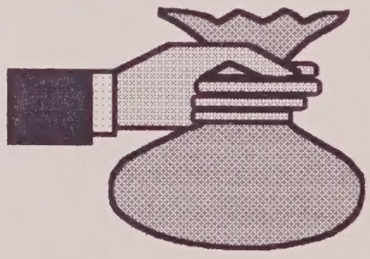
Everybody has garbage, and it gets really strange at times. Our pickup is Tuesday and Friday. Last Monday I went out to the trash bin with a recycled garbage bag full and happened to look in the can before I dropped the bag and got a surprise. There was a "possum" in the can. I backed off and took another look. Sure enough he looked up at me, but didn't move. I can't imagine how he got in the can, as it is about 40" tall. Later in the day I went back for another look and he hadn't moved, so I assumed he was dead.

I wondered what would be the reaction of the trashman if he looked in there and saw the "possum". I missed seeing the pickup so I'll never know.

Another time we found a fairly large dead fish on our front deck. How did it get there? The more we speculated, the more creative we became. By the end of the day our speculations had become ridiculous!

Becky and I think a sitcom called *THE TRASHMAN COMETH* would be a hit. The show would open with the trash truck pulling up before a house, and the trashman looking in the can and scratching his head. We can think of 3 scenarios for the above situation: A: A wildlife program showing the habits of possums. B: Teenager kills animals and hides them in neighbor's trash can. Neighbor takes teenager under his wing and turns his life around. C: An autopsy on the possum shows deadly poison. Investigation reveals that the Lees are terrorist. Think about it. There are a million interesting stories out there in the garbage

Have you had any weird garbage experiences? If so, please share them with us - just in case we quit our day jobs and go into producing a TV sitcom. If so, e-mail them to us at <lees@ham.net>. We'll print them in the next newsletter.



MOST REQUESTED RECIPE

1 package Duncan Hines Angel Food Cake Mix
1 can (21 oz.) Strawberry pie filling
1 package (8 oz) cream cheese, softened
¾ cup milk
1 container (8 oz) thawed non-dairy whipped topping

Prepare, bake and cool cake as directed on package. Trim all crust from cake; cut cake into 1" squares. Put half of cake into 13x9x2" baking dish. Spread with pie filling. Add remaining cake cubes in a layer.

Combine cream cheese and milk; beat until smooth and thick. Fold topping into cream cheese mixture; spread over cake. Chill thoroughly.

IT'S A MOUSE. IT'S A CAT. IT'S A SPY IN DISGUISE!
From 11/00 CyberSKIP

By now, I would venture a guess that many of the readers have received their free "CueCat" in the mail. If their literature is any indication, most of the CueCat users are "searching the web" effortless and saving so much money on "savings, offers, video and more" that they are contemplating a down payment on an SUV.

When I received my CueCat, I was delighted I would soon be able to read those mysterious bars on the side of my box of frosted Cheerios. Because of the effort involved in searching out the web site for "Frosted Cheerios", I will now be able to be "transported", almost like Star Trek, to the frosted cheerios web site. For years, I've had this gnawing desire to find out all there was to know on the product.

It doesn't stop there. Plug the sucker into your TV and it can harvest web addresses keyed to advertisements, feed them to your PC and you can enjoy even further advertising information enhancement via your computer. IT EVEN WORKS IF YOU ARE NOT ONLINE! Ya know that guy that suddenly gets smitten by a case of diarrhea while sitting on a train or the woman whose false teeth nearly fell out at her daughter's graduation? Imagine being instantly transported to the appropriate web side to enhance your viewing pleasure! Especially at supper time when these ads seem to appear.

Being a little suspicious of free stuff, and not too enchanted about hooking up my CueCat in series with my keyboard, I put the CueCat on the end of my computer table to deal with at a later time. Further reading of the installation instructions didn't give me any level of comfort since one had to go through this registration procedure that told me, "By answering a few questions, your personal preferences are saved with your user name so that…..". In this day and age, ain't nobody gonna be associating my preferences with my name!

Sure enough, it wasn't long before rumblings were being heard in the distance. CueCat was crying FOUL because LINUX programmers were reverse-engineering the kitty to make it work with their operating system. Seems reasonable enough. But what they discovered, as did some other organizations that disassembled the CueCat, each CueCat had a unique serial number (remember the CPU serial number flap?) and this unique serial number was tied in with your personal information (name, address, e-mail address) required at registration with registration being necessary to receive the secret code to make the CueCat work.

In a nutshell, CueCat and their minions can build a beautiful database of everything "swipe" or every television advertisement that leads you to click on the website. Pretty nifty huh? I'm sure this valuable treasure trove of personally identifiable information could command a hefty price for direct mail marketers and spammers. The empire of DoubleClick (The John Deer of harvesting personal information) is salivating at

the thought of even more precise personalized information to feed their customized banners and to feed their bottom line.

In my humble opinion, if you are so challenged by the thought of performing a simple search for a particular website or can't bring yourself to type www.generalmills.com into your web browser then you probably have arrived at Mecca.

For all of you privacy advocates out there, you might give your CueCat a quick stop at the litter box on the way to the trash.

AOL IS HOT-BED OF SWEATY SEX SAYS VILLAGE VOICE

The world's larger Internet service and content provider, America Online Inc., which prides itself as a bastion of scrubbed, wholesome, good and clean American apple pie-ism, is really an unmade hot-bed of sweaty sex, according to an article today in the Village Voice.

The New York-based cultural newspaper said AOL users are hungry for sex, and crowd into the service's moist chat rooms with names that belie the company's Dudley Doright image. "We huddle in dark corners like "Smack Smack Oooooooo' and 'Seeking WFSubs2Breed', where we swap fantasies, nudie 'self pics', and recycled photos from hardcore newgroups carried by AOL," the article said.

The report contends that lusty AOLiens may have made this friendly ISP the world's busiest on-ramp to erotica, yet of the $17.9 billion gross the service is expected to report this year, "not one cent will come from the direct sale of porn to its 34 million American subscribers." AOL prefers to leave customers fending for themselves in a maze of virtual boudoirs, the article alleged, and proposed that although virtual sex has long been considered a potential source of swollen bottom lines, AOL is awaiting approval of its merger with Time-Warner before stepping boldly into the coming convergence of the Web with TV, where it will offer firewalled downloads of explicit content.

AIRWAVE HUNT FOR WIRELESS INTERNET

The Clinton administration today unveiled a massive, multiagency project to free up airwaves for use by the "third-generation" wireless Internet industry.

The White House has enlisted the Commerce Department, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Department of Defense to help find ways to reallocate radio band spectrum currently being used by government agencies and non-governmental airwaves users.

"Within the next 10 years, two-thirds of (wireless industry) revenues will come from data and non-voice communications," National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Director Greg Rhode told reporters during a conference call.

WHO INVENTED THE INTERNET?
From W5YI Report of 12/15/00

Well, it wasn't Al Gore.....even though he takes credit.

On December 16, 1997, Pres. Clinton presented the U. S. National Medal of Technology to Vinton G. Cerf and his partner, Robert E. Kahn, for their founding and developing the Internet.

In 1974, Cerf and Kahn (both Ph.D's) co-published "A Protocol for Packet Network Interconnection." Their TCP/IP communications protocol is the computer language that gave birth to the Internet.

The Internet grew out of an experiment begun in the 1960's by the U. S. Department of Defense. The DoD wanted to create a computer network that would continue to function in the event of a disaster, such as nuclear war. If part of

the network were damaged or destroyed, the rest of the system still had to work. That network was ARPAnet, which linked U. S. scientific and academic researchers.

The World Wide Web (which is a media application of the Internet) was developed in 1989 by English computer scientist Timothy Berners-Lee to enable information to be shared among international teams of researchers at the European Laboratory for Particle Physics (formerly known by the acronym CERN) near Geneva, Switzerland. It was further developed by the WWW Consortium based at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The first web browser, called "Mosaic" was developed by Marc Andreessen, a young undergratuate at the University of Illinois. Andreessen was interested in combining the existing Internet framework with the multimedia applications made available by hypertext and the World Wide Web.

It is hard to believe that the Internet as we know it, has only been around less than ten years.

LICENSE EXAM FEES GOING UP AS OF JAN. 1, 2001

Up until recently, the cost to take a Amateur Radio license examination was tied to the cost of living (CPI-the Consumer Price Index.) The provision for license exam fees started in 1984 when Barry Goldwater K7UGA introduced the measure into Congress. He suggested a beginning fee of $4.00 with annual adjustments based on inflation. The current maximum is $6.67 which is rounded down to the nearest 5 cents by most VECs.

A few years ago, the American Radio Relay League suggested to the FCC that this fee was inadequate due to high costs. The FCC has now said that after reviewing recent legislation, it appears that VECs will now be able to set their own fees.

ARRL VEC Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, says the ARRL VEC plans to set its test fee for the calendar year 2001 at $10. An FCC announcement of changes in its rules, reflecting the change in the law, is expected toward the end of the year.

"The higher fee reflects the fact that the ARRL VEC is doing more of the work on behalf of the FCC than was envisioned at the time Congress set the original cap, " said ARRL Executive Vice President David Sumner, K1ZZ. "We're doing the data entry for all new and upgrade license applications that are handled by the ARRL Volunteer Examiners. Originally, we simply reviewed and organized the paperwork and the FCC staff did the data entry. The current system is better for the applicants because they get their licenses faster, but it's also more costly for us." It is anticipated that the W5YI-VEC will also adopt the $10.00 examination fee.

THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION (ISS) CREW HAS COMPLETED INSTALLATION OF THE ON BOARD HAM STATION. Initial engineering tests conducted with the Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Center R3K (Star City near Moscow), NN1SS at the Goddard Space Flight Center (Greenbelt, MD) and W5RRR, the Johnson Space Center ARC (Houston, TX) were very successful.

Astronaut Commander William "Shep" Shepherd, KD5GSL and Cosmonaut Sergei Krikalev, U5NUR reported to Goddard that the quality of the VHF circuit was "excellent" and that the "Signal-to-noise and readability of the ham radio is better than our other comm circuits."

"Shep" also made the first casual Amateur Radio contacts to a few lucky hams from the ISS Alpha on Friday, November 17. Check out the ARISS Web site at <http://ariss.gsfc.nasa.gov/>

ABELL'S ANECDOTES

By Pike Abell, W4EPU

SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW A PERSON.

As the statute of limitation has expired, several times over I may add, I am confessing to a crime I committed in 1945 when I was in the army. The fact is, I allegedly stole a jeep.

You see, I was a radio instructor at the Cavalry School in Ft. Riley, Kansas. We were training Army tank CW radio operators. I was in the Field Exercise Section.

In the final weeks of the course we had tanks scattered around in a large field area. The student operators were in the tanks communicating with each other via CW radio. We instructors each in a jeep with a transceiver tuned to the same frequencies on which the students were operating. We constantly monitored the student operators. We would critique the students using our mobile radios or drive from tank to tank and critique the operators in person.

Each day we started out in a briefing room. After the briefing we instructors, clip boards and transceivers in hand, proceeded to the parking lot and randomly took a jeep from our unit motor pool.

Sometimes, on the way to the field some of us would stop in the Post Exchange (PX) for a cup of coffee. A common practice but strictly forbidden. What everyone did was park around behind the PX where the jeeps could not be seen from the street.

One morning after finishing my coffee I inadvertently took the wrong jeep from behind the PX. One which was assigned to a completely different organization. When the driver of that jeep came out of the PX, his jeep being missing, reported it stolen. An investigation and search began immediately.

All day long I diligently worked in the field assisting my student radio operators. At the end of the work day, I parked my 'stolen' jeep in our parking lot with our other jeeps. Some time later my lone jeep was found still parked behind the PX. About the same time that jeep I had been driving all day was discovered in our parking lot.

It didn't take long for the authorities to figure out that someone illegally parked behind the PX and when he left simply took the wrong jeep. That part of the crime was thusly solved but, WHO DID IT? I knew who did it and I also knew that nobody else knew.

The investigation continued for what seemed to be several weeks. All of the instructors, including myself, one at a time, were called in to our Commanding Officer, Capt. Barnhart's (fictitious name) office and questioned, to no avail.

Finally, some time later, while we were assembled in the briefing room the Captain informed us that the Post Commander wanted the case to be closed. The Captain said that if whoever did it would admit it to him, privately, the case would be closed and there would be no punishment and it would not be entered in the individual's record. Obviously I didn't buy it and remained silent. Thus, the crime was never solved.

Several months later the war ended. I being one of the few instructors who had served in overseas combat duty, was one of the first to be discharged. After being processed out of the Army and receiving my Honorable Discharge, a group of my buddies accompanied me to the train station which was on the Base, not far from our quarters. I took my luggage on the train then went out and stood on the stair step saying good-bye to my colleagues. As the train started moving and accelerating rapidly I hollered, "Tell the Captain that I am the one who took the wrong jeep from behind the PX"!!!

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DECEMBER MINUTES
By Becky Lee KF4HTB

The TARC Christmas party was held on December 17 at the Jaycee Building. As always, Sherry KU4ZO and Pat KF4LTY and their helpers had the hall beautifully decked. The party was catered by Pumpernickle's, and the food was delicious and plentiful.

Clara KE4YQL (with a little help from Pike W4EPU) was Mistress of Ceremonies. Her program was clever and funny, and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Clara swore she had gotten the real Santa Clause this year, but he looked an awfully lot like Anthony KG4CEB. Another clue that it was Anthony was the fact that the elves giving out the presents were his daughters.

Bud K4CWG finally received the Ham of the Year award. Stephanie K4MVO received the coveted Soap On A Rope Award. I hope she realizes what an honor it is to receive this prestigious award. Some of our most outstanding and active members have received it.

Ralph AE4LE installed the officers for the year 2000.

Door prizes were given out. I was so crushed because I didn't get one that I forgot to write down the names of those who did.

Gosh! Another year without a door prize!

TREASURERS REPORT
By Becky Lee, KF4HTB

Balance forward from 1999	$4333.03
Deposits Year to Date	4978.33
TOTAL INCOME	**$9311.36**
Expenditures	5003.92
BALANCE AS AT 12/31/00	**$4307.44**

CLUB OFFICERS

President: Bud Hughes, K4CWG. 267-3450
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Sec/Treas: Becky Lee, KF4HTB, 267-9375

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Sherry Hughes, KU4ZO. 269-0779

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Larry Carr, WB9MFJ (Packet-Rose Node) 268-4114

CLUB INFORMATION

Meetings: Monthly on 4th Tuesday at 1900 hrs. at Jaycee Building
Newsletter Editors: KF4HTB Becky Lee
K4EOS Clyde Lee

Nets: **VIP**-Thursdays at 1000 hrs. 146.910
Friendship-Thursdays at 1830 hrs. 146.910
Mosquito-Wednesdays at 1900 hrs. 28.333
Traders-Fridays at 2000 hrs 146.910

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WHAT RESOLUTIONS????????

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE
Total membership: 223 (151 regular, 53 family, 13 honorary, 6 other)
NEW MEMBERS:
N4IPJ MICHAEL FINEMAN
RENEWALS:
K4BZJ LES WIDICK
KF4IGB PAT WIDICK
AA4FY NORM FOSTER
KF4IGO JUNE FOSTER
KD4HNW KEN DENMAN
AA4HP HANK PHILLIPS
K4MVO STEPHANIE PHILLIPS
KF4KUN SAMUEL DENMAN
KF4LA JOE TIPTON
KC4SYD CLIFF HOAG
AF4W CHARLES SUMMERS
KS4YH JOHN TOWERS

HAMFESTS: 01/12-13 FT. MEYERS
01/27 ARCADIA
02/3-4 MIAMI
02/10-11 ORLANDO
03/3 NEW PORT RICHIE
03/10 SUNRISE
04/28-29 GAINESVILLE